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1. In the movement of the 4 Field Army to Shantung and Manchuria the Peiping-Hankow railroad was not used for the following reasons:
 - a. To screen the movement from intelligence agents.
 - b. To avoid passing through Peiping where large troop movement would be observed by foreign diplomats and the populace.
 - c. The weak bridges on the Peiping-Hankow line might not bear the weight of heavily loaded trains.
2. The troops, which were concentrated at Hankow, take the Peiping-Hankow line to Chengchou, then the Lunghai Railroad to Tsinan. Troops destined for Shantung then take the Tsinan-Tsingtao line while those destined for Manchuria take a train to Tientsin then travel on the Peiping-Lukden railroad to Lukden. Only a few troops go directly to Tientsin to change for Lukden.

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